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OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS DISASTER RESPONSE:

WHAT TO EXPECT IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

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OFM disaster response can be categorized into three principal concerns:



- Welfare of OFM office (personnel and property)
- Welfare of the foreign missions (personnel and property)
- Facilitating foreign mission efforts to assist their communities

Welfare of OFM office (personnel and property): Pre-emptive Measures



- Review/validate phone tree numbers and update emergency management contact information with OEM and review procedures
- Monitor Department & local city/state disaster guidance and emergency management notices
- Monitor OPM and OEM websites/news
- Review post-disaster procedures and plans
 - Who will check on facilities?
 - Who will provide status reports to OFM, OEM and local authorities?
 - Reporting to work or telework contingency plans

Welfare of OFM office (personnel and property): Post-disaster Response



- Check on employee welfare
- Check for facility damage and any local ingress restrictions to buildings
- Provide updates and daily status reports
- Promulgate COOP and/or work from home plans to Federal, local authorities and employees
- Monitor information from Federal, state, and local authorities and emergency services.

Welfare of the foreign missions (personnel and property): **Pre-emptive** Measures



- Outreach for disaster preparedness
- Directly Contact Foreign Missions
- Attend Task Force teleconferences
- Ascertain/update contact info for response partners or information sources

Welfare of the foreign missions (personnel and property): **Post-disaster** Response



- Directly contact foreign missions.
- Ask about the welfare of your employees as well as your host country nationals residing within the impacted region.
- Inquire about your operational status.
- Do you have any relevant information you would like to share with the foreign mission community?

Post-disaster Response Continued:



- Do you require any OFM assistance in working with/contacting local services?
- If applicable, we'll explain how your country can provide disaster assistance.

Facilitating foreign mission efforts to assist their communities



- Key goals are to:
 - Gain an insight into the distribution of foreign population in affected areas to permit some estimation of the size, scope, and nature of OFM response required.
 - Ensure foreign missions are connected with the right people on the ground to assist them, including local city/state authorities, FEMA, Red Cross, NGOs and others as appropriate.
 - Ensure US responders understand the foreign mission responsibilities to their constituents and need for access/information.
 - Provide situational clarity to the Department and foreign missions.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!



- Are there any questions?